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AGENDA ITEM #2C
March 16, 2021
Discussion

SUBJECT

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update and County Health Planning

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Dr. Travis Gayles, County Health Officer and Chief of DHHS Public Health Services
Dr. Earl Stoddard, Director, Office of Emergency management and Homeland Security
Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Council sitting as Board of Health to receive updates.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will receive an update on the public health data and emergency response to the COVID-19 public emergency from Dr. Gayles, Dr. Stoddard, and Dr. Crowel.

Background Information

State and County Data on March 11, 2021 (Maryland.gov website)

March 11, 2021	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Probable Deaths
Maryland	390,490	7,832	182
Montgomery County	64,399	1,392	45

Vaccine Allotments and Distribution

On December 23, 2020, the Montgomery County Health Department received its first allotment of vaccine to be distributed in accordance with the Maryland State vaccination plan. The County has created a vaccine dashboard:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/>

Montgomery County Residents Vaccinated (all doses administered in the State of Maryland)

Date	MC Residents received 1 st Dose	MC Residents Fully Vaccinated
March 11, 2021	207,559 (19.7%)	105,236 (10.0%)

The County website also has information on alerts, preregistration, and links to other vaccination sites.

Montgomery County Case Metrics (from Montgomery County website)

Montgomery County has updated its metrics that are used for determining when it is safe to move to different phases of reopening businesses and other activities. Each indicator also has a metric for Very High, High, Moderate, Low, or Very Low risk of transmission/utilization. Indicators can be viewed at: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/>

Primary Indicators

Seven-day average number of new confirmed cases per 100,000 population. As of March 11, there is a **MODERATE** risk of transmission.

5-Mar	6-Mar	7-Mar	8-Mar	9-Mar	10-Mar	11-Mar
10.3%	10.0%	9.7%	9.3%	9.1%	9.2%	9.5%

Fourteen-day average percentage of tests administered resulting in a positive test. As of March 10, there was a **VERY LOW** risk of transmission.

5-Mar	6-Mar	7-Mar	8-Mar	9-Mar	10-Mar	11-Mar
2.8%	2.7%	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%	2.8%	NA

Secondary Indicators

Percent change in new cases per 100,000 population during the last seven days compared to the previous seven days. As of March 11, there was a **VERY LOW** risk of transmission.

5-Mar	6-Mar	7-Mar	8-Mar	9-Mar	10-Mar	11-Mar
-6.0%	-11.8%	-15.4%	-21.3%	-23.6%	-18.1%	-13.5%

Percent of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied. As of March 10, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization.

5-Mar	6-Mar	7-Mar	8-Mar	9-Mar	10-Mar	11-Mar
76.0%	72.7%	70.1%	70.9%	73.1%	75.1%	NA

Percent of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in use. As of March 10, there was a **LOW** rate of utilization for the system. Certain hospitals may be at capacity.

5-Mar	6-Mar	7-Mar	8-Mar	9-Mar	10-Mar	11-Mar
78.6%	75.7%	77.4%	73.4%	72.3%	72.2%	NA

Percent of inpatient beds in the community occupied by patients with COVID-19. As of March 10, there was a **MODERATE** rate of utilization.

5-Mar	6-Mar	7-Mar	8-Mar	9-Mar	10-Mar	11-Mar
10.1%	9.3%	9.2%	9.2%	8.7%	9.1%	NA

The State and County websites include information on cases and deaths by age. The following is a summary of the State data for March 11 and County data for March 5.

Maryland	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
March 11, 2021	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	19,598	3	5.0%	0.0%
10-19 years	37,768	6	9.7%	0.1%
20-29 years	71,050	35	18.2%	0.4%
30-39 years	66,983	76	17.2%	1.0%
40-49 years	59,076	209	15.1%	2.7%
50-59 years	58,810	596	15.1%	7.6%
60-69 years	39,821	1,245	10.2%	15.9%
70-79 years	22,544	1,999	5.8%	25.5%
80+ years	14,840	3,661	3.8%	46.7%
Not available	0	2	0.0%	0.0%
Total	390,490	7,832	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Cases	% Confirmed
5-Mar-21	Cases	Deaths	By Age	Deaths by Age
Age:				
0-9 years	3,744	0	5.9%	0.0%
10-19 years	6,456	0	10.2%	0.0%
20-29 years	11,017	0	17.5%	0.0%
30-39 years	10,846	20	17.2%	1.5%
40-49 years	10,305	44	16.3%	3.2%
50-59 years	9,281	91	14.7%	6.7%
60-69 years	6,008	187	9.5%	13.7%
70-79 years	3,060	289	4.9%	21.2%
80+ years	3,074	748	4.9%	54.9%
Not available	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	63,791	1,379	101.2%	101.2%

The following is from the State and County websites on case and death data for race and ethnicity.

Maryland	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Total	% Confirmed
11-Mar-21	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
African American (NH)	113,132	2,690	29.0%	34.3%
Asian (NH)	9,032	273	2.3%	3.5%
White (NH)	135,973	4,024	34.8%	51.4%
Hispanic	62,593	719	16.0%	9.2%
Other (NH)	18,484	81	4.7%	1.0%
Not available	51,276	45	13.1%	0.6%
Total	390,490	7,832	100.0%	100.0%

Montgomery County	Confirmed	Confirmed	% of Total	% Confirmed
5-Mar-21	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
African American (NH)	9,562	246	15.0%	17.8%
Asian (NH)	2,329	137	3.7%	9.9%
White (NH)	12,231	668	19.2%	48.4%
Hispanic	19,326	286	30.3%	20.7%
Other (NH)	5,120	40	8.0%	2.9%
Not available	15,227	2	23.9%	0.1%
Total	63,795	1,379	100.0%	100.0%

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